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LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - Term 3 Week 2 – 23rd July 2025

Our **REACH** values stand for **Respect. Engage. Aware. Celebrate. Honest.**

Me mahi tahi tatou mō te oranga o te katoa – We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

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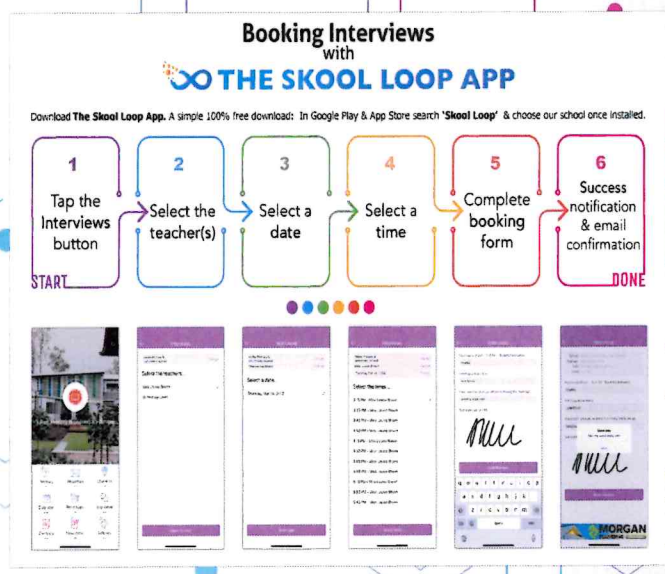
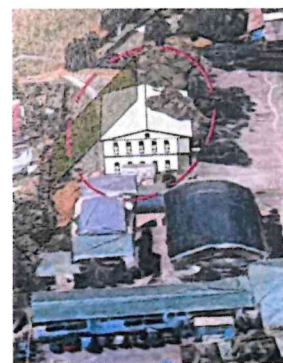
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Kia Ora whānau

A warm welcome to our tamariki and whanau as we go into the third term of 2025. The fine weather has been a welcome change from the rain!

With our focus on student attendance, I look forward to sharing more regular data on how we are going. Our goal for this year is to have 60% of our children attending school for 95% of the time. We are currently sitting at 49%. If your child isn't at school, please let the office know so that we can ensure their absence is coded correctly, by using the Skool Loop app or texting 022 0433 026.

Many of you will have seen the exciting news that we are getting 6 new classrooms! The timeline is for the project to break ground in February 2026. While we probably won't benefit from the new classrooms until October next year, hopefully we will have classes move in before the end of the year and be able to re-establish our library for 2027. The new two storey block will be built where the existing sports shed is located and we are exploring the possibility of including a slide from the second storey down ... as well as 2 sets of stairs!



Parent Teacher interviews are

coming up in Week 4 (Tues 5th and Weds 6th August). Again, we have opted to run these after school on each day to make attending more convenient for our families.

Tuesday 5th will run from 3.15pm to 5.30pm. Wednesday 6th will run from 3.15pm to 7.30pm. Bookings on Skool Loop are now live, use the Bookings tab to make your appointment. You can follow this guide on how to book your appointment online. Should you need assistance to make an online booking please contact Trish at the office on our landline (09) 844 7480 or text the office cellphone on 021 022 69879. You can also email us at lhs@lincolnheights.school.nz for more support or to make a booking. If this time won't work for you, please let your child's teacher know so an alternative time can be arranged. Understanding where your child is at in their learning is vital to improvement.

Its ART WEEK at Lincoln Heights School! Today we held our annual Art Battle. This is an opportunity for our talented artists to create a piece of Art. This year the winning pieces will be transformed into murals for our school. For the first time we are also lucky to have 5 students from Massey High School participating and sharing their talent and passion for Visual Art. It is a great opportunity for our tamariki to see what Artists do in high school.

There is also an Art Competition being held from 21st July to 1st August for students, teachers and whanau to reimagine our school crest – there is more information further on in this newsletter, so get your markers and crayons out and get creating!

Our **Art Exhibition** will be held Tuesday 5 – Thursday 7 August. The Hall will be open late on Tuesday 5th August and Wednesday 6th August during Parent Teacher interviews so do pop in to see your child's artwork displayed. This year all our teachers have created a piece of art alongside their class and these will be displayed. There will also be the chance to vote for your favourite Art Battle piece!

Out of Zone Enrolments – if you have moved or you are now considered 'out of zone' and have younger children enrolling for the second half of the year, please complete an out of zone enrolment. We have very limited 'out of zone' places left in the main stream and priority goes to siblings of current students. We have some places available in Moemoe Fou and no places available in Kahukura.

Out of Zone enrolments for the 2026 school year close on Wednesday 8 October 2025 and the ballot will be drawn Wednesday 15 October. If your child turns 5 in 2026, you don't have to wait until 2026. There are limited places available and once they are full, there will be no opportunity to enrol.

If you have a child turning 5 in 2026, please come in and enrol them – this helps us to plan and staff our new entrant and year 1 classes. Once a child is pre-enrolled, you will get a call closer to their 5th birthday to arrange school visits.

Teacher Only Days – these had to be moved to allow for the Ministry of Education facilitators to come in. They are on Friday 8 August and Monday 11 August.

Lincoln Heights School Presents

Art Week 2025

21-25 July 2025

Lincoln Heights School is celebrating Art Week 2025 by exploring and creating art inspired by talented artists from across Aotearoa. It's a week of creativity, culture, and celebration!

Art Battle

Wednesday 23rd July
(During school hours)

The top 5 entries will be showcased at the Art Exhibition—come along and vote for your favourite!

Art Exhibition

Week 4
In the hall

Open late on Tuesday and Wednesday for parent teacher interviews

Art Competition

21st July - 1st August 2025
Additional details coming soon!

The winning artist will collaborate with Mrs Loose and Dee to transform their artwork into a mural masterpiece.

Logo Takeover Drawing Competition

Let your imagination and creativity shine! We're inviting students, teachers, and whānau to reimagine our school crest or logo in your own unique style.

Challenge: Create your own version of the school crest/logo on A4 paper using any drawing medium – pencil, pen, pastel, ink, paint, or digital!

Details:

- Open to students, teachers and parents
- Entries must be A4 size
- Name and class clearly labelled on the back
- Due by Friday week 3 (1st August)

Selected entries will be displayed in the school office, celebrated in our newsletter and turned into a mural on school grounds.

There may even be prizes for creativity and meaning!

Unleash your creativity – we can't wait to see what you come up with!

21st July- 1st August 2025

Entries handed in to the office or classroom teacher
alternatively you can email entries to
pietal@lincolnheights.school.nz

A warm welcome to two new staff at Lincoln Heights. Our new Receptionist Trish comes to us with a range of office experience and is keen to get to know our Tamariki and families. Whaea Te Wairuaora is settling in to the Reo Rua class, Ruma 27.



Leisha Byrnes

PRINCIPAL

Huge congratulations to Violet and Alofa from Moemoe Fou on their being selected to represent Lincoln Heights School at the Fagasa Speech Competition finals being held in Christchurch on 15 August.

We wish them all the best and know they will represent LHS so well.

Our motto – In The Gate by Half Past Eight Guarantees You Won't be Late!

WHAT'S COMING UP

TERM THREE, 2025		
Week 2 21-25 July	ART WEEK – Mon to Fri Wednesday, 23 rd July Thursday, 24 th July Friday, 25 th July	Newsletter published, even weeks, uploaded to school website, Skool Loop and Facebook Art Battle for students during class time Samoan Parent Network meeting, Potu 19, 3.15pm-4.15pm Rm 20 to Lowtherhurst Reserve, 9am to 10.30am Enviro Group presentation at Unitec, 10am-1pm Swimming lessons begin @ Swimsation
Week 3 28 July- 1 Aug	VANUATU LANGUAGE WEEK Monday, 28 th July Tuesday, 29 th July Wednesday, 30 th July Friday, 1 st August	Totara team Rms 22 & 24 to Auckland Art Gallery, 9am-1pm Yr 7/8 Zone Netball tournament, Te Pai Courts Yr 8's to Tech Board meeting, staffroom, 5.30pm Totara team Rms 20 & 21 to Auckland Art Gallery, 9am-1pm Swimming lessons at Sensation, Te Atatu Peninsula
Week 4 4-8 Aug	Te Reo Maori Kuki Airani- COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK Art Exhibition Week Tuesday, 5 th August Wednesday, 6 th August Thursday, 7 th August Friday, 8 th August	Hall open late night Tuesday to 5.30pm and Weds to 7.30pm Parent Teacher interviews, 3.15pm – 5.30pm Parent Teacher interviews, 3.15pm – 7.30pm <u>Board triennial election nominations close midday</u> Newsletter published, even weeks, uploaded to school website, Skool Loop and Facebook Yr 8's to Tech PB4L Mufti Day – theme Fave sport or hobby, gold coin donation Olympic Ambassador visiting, Hall, 1.45pm TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 5 11-15 Aug	Monday, 11 th August Wednesday, 13 th August Friday, 15 th August	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED Triennial voting papers issued if more than three nominations received. Yr 8's to Tech Swimming lessons @ Swimsation, Te Atatu Peninsula Fagasa National Speech Competition, Christchurch
Week 6 18-22 Aug	Lea Faka Tonga- TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK Wednesday, 20 th August Friday, 22 nd August	Nikau team Music Making Show 9am to midday Newsletter published, even weeks, uploaded to school website, Skool Loop and Facebook Swimming lessons @ Swimsation, Te Atatu Peninsula

GENERAL NOTICES

After school care is provided from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday in the school hall by **SKIDS**. Contact SKIDS directly for more information and to enrol your child, 027 293 8895.

Whanau and Friends – our PTA do an amazing job and are always looking for people to join their group. They meet at school and work with us to plan school fundraisers, help with events and run our much loved junior discos. They have run amazing Quizz Nights in the past as well. If you would like to join them – they do have a lot of laughs at meetings, please get in touch with Gabby Hooper at; PTA@lincolnheights.school.nz or keep a look out on Facebook for a meeting reminder.

Remember to **let the school know if your child is absent** so we can ensure the information is accurately recorded on our Student Management System. The Ministry of Education collects this data daily and creates a report on the number of absences and the recorded reason. When you haven't contacted the school, the reason gets recorded as ? unknown.

If you have recently **changed addresses or your phone number, please let the school know** – our E-Tap messages and teacher contact rely on having your current number.

Swimming lessons – Each Friday starting from 25th July our students will be attending swimming lessons at a heated pool in Te Atatu Peninsula. There is no cost for this curriculum activity.

The school has been split into teams and notices have been sent home about which day your child will be going to swimming lessons.

Participation by all students in lessons is expected and will increase your child's safety and confidence around water. Any questions regarding our aquatic programme please contact Mr Kite.

FROM THE BOARD

Raewyn Clark – Presiding Member – contact bot@lincolnheights.school.nz



Raewyn Clark

Ken Tuioti

Rob Walker

Kiri McCabe

Sarah Pope

Maria Sydney

Gordon Irving

The national parent School Trustees Triennial Board elections are scheduled for 10 September. Our school has three vacancies for the parent elections. Nomination forms were issued to students to take home last week. Nomination forms are available from the school office if you did not receive yours. **Nominations close on 6th August.** To date we have received four nominations.

We invite parents who may be interested in standing for nomination to be on the Board to contact either our Presiding Member, other current Board members, or our Principal Leisha, to learn more.

Elections timeline:

Wednesday 6th August – Nominations close at midday

Wednesday 13th August – voting papers issued (these will be posted) - please check that we have your current postal address if you have moved recently.

Wednesday 10th September – Election day

Wednesday 10th September – poll closes at 4pm

Monday 15th September – last day to accept postal votes

Tuesday 16th September – votes counted

Wednesday 17th September – Board takes office

There is much information regarding what the Board do on the School Board Elections website. We recommend going to <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/become-a-board-member/> for more information.

We remind parents that all of our **policies are managed by SchoolDocs** and be viewed on their website by typing in www.schooldocs.co.nz, search for lincoln heights school. User name is LincolnHeights, password is together.

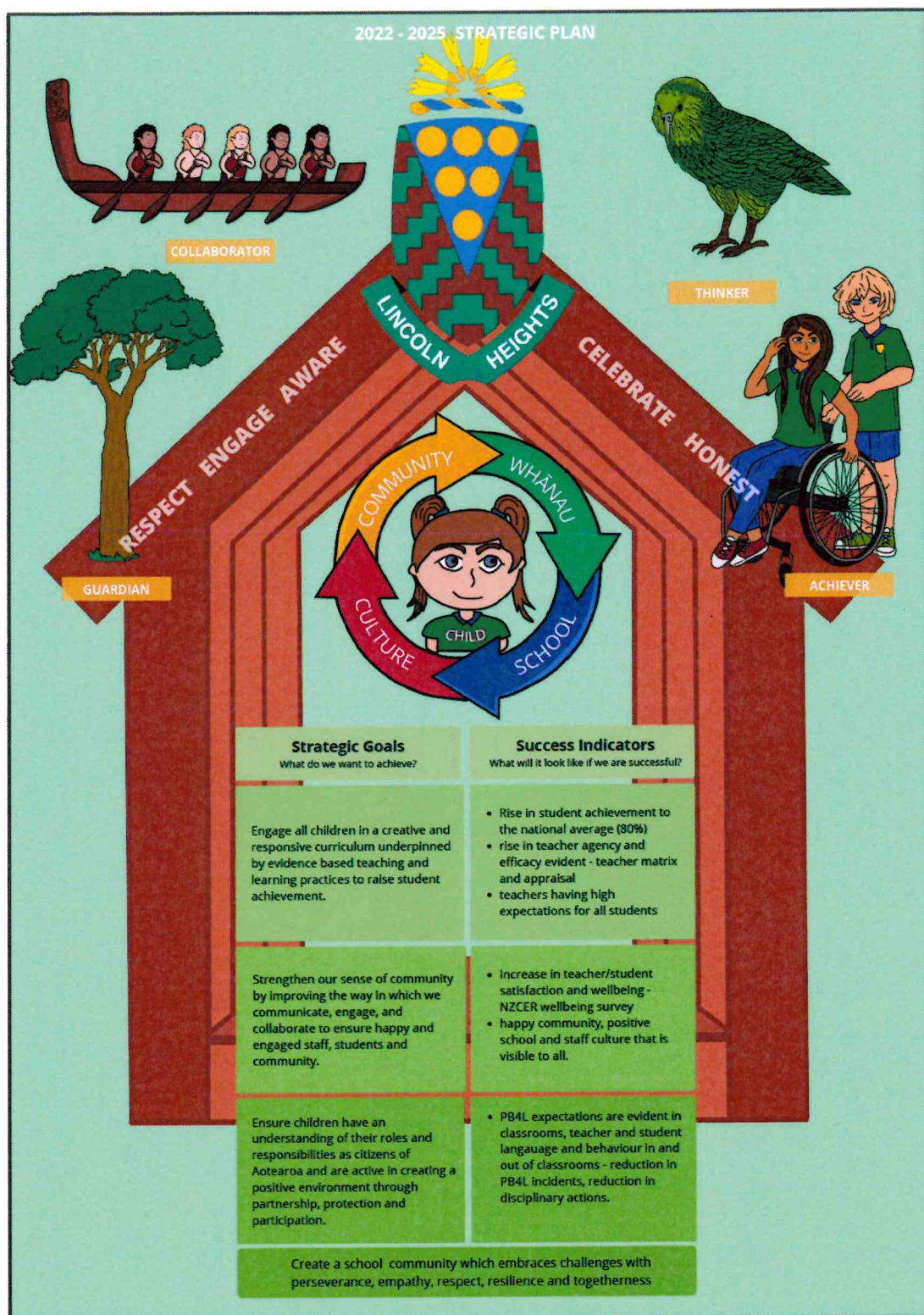
STUDENT LEARNING

This is a great piece of recount writing from Heath in Room 14 and I just had to share!



On Wednesday we went to a school trip to the rock pools. We saw crabs, starfish, shrimps and a sea hare. The sea hare looked like a weird slug that's made out of slime. We all loved everything at the school trip. I kissed the sea hare and now I have 7 years of luck! The shrimp was as fast as a Lamborghini or sonic. There were so many people from Lincoln Heights at the rock pools like 19 or 17. It was crazy there! The seaweed looked like water shadow combined with raindrops. It was hard to try and pick up a starfish from a rock. Me and Israel tried as hard as we could. Starfish are stronger than me and Israel. That's crazy, maybe stronger than hulk and Iron Man. Pew pew!

OUR STRATEGIC AND ANNUAL PLAN



LINCOLN HEIGHTS SCHOOL ANNUAL PLAN 2025

Raise student achievement to 75% 'At' or 'Above' in core curriculum areas ~ Increase 'regular' student attendance to 60%

Domain 1 – STEWARDSHIP Through increased engagement and strengthened learning focused relationships	Domain 2 – LEADERSHIP Through transparent leadership (with children at the heart of decision making) and a focus on the development of our Middle Leaders	Domain 3 – RELATIONSHIPS Through authentic relevant and engaging opportunities for ALL learners across ALL contexts – within school, with whanau and within our community	Domain 4 – TEACHING Through differentiated learning programmes based on current student data – including Kahukura and Moemoe Fou	Domain 5 – CAPABILITY Through responsive Professional Learning Programmes and individual accountability	Domain 6 – EVALUATION Through established systems to monitor and review progress towards achievements of schoolwide and individual goals
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LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education	BARRIER FREE ACCESS Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner	QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau	FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives	WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable
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Strengthen our sense of community by improving the ways in which we communicate, engage and collaborate to ensure happy and engaged staff, students and the wider community. Goal 1.1 Increase opportunities to build our learning community with whanau and wider – at least 1 event per term Post event Whanau surveys/voice show 85% satisfaction Goal 1.2 Establish a Whānau Network to help our Reo Rūa build whanaungatanga through the development of its tikanga and kawa Goal 1.3 Refresh our communication systems – newsletter, website, skool loop and socials to increase engagement and attendance	Engage all children in a creative and responsive curriculum underpinned by evidence based teaching and learning practises to raise student achievement. Goal 2.1 Increase Maori achievement and engagement by 15% across all core curriculum areas Establish Te Reo class and monitor student progress Goal 2.2 Mainstream IEPs reviewed bi-annually and used to inform Learning Support Staff role in class – students show 85% of goal achievement Goal 2.3 Reading data (both summative and formative) will show a minimum 10% increase in years 4-8 and 15% increase in years 0-3	Ensure children have an understanding of their roles and responsibilities as citizens of Aotearoa and are active in creating a positive environment through partnership, protection and participation Goal 3.1 60% of students are present 90% or more each term Goal 3.2 Students (particularly in year 6-8) have opportunities to demonstrate leadership and have roles of responsibility across the school All LA students expected to participate in service to the school Goal 3.3 Staff and students will have opportunities to share their skills and knowledge in cultural / sporting / environmental groups. All teaching staff to lead/support a cultural group and/or sporting group
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MEASURES – All staff are responsible for ensuring we reach these goals

- 75% of children 'at' or 'above' in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- 15% increased engagement of all learners – demonstrated through engagement observations
- Average rates of regular attendance increase across the school to 60% average each term
- 60% of students are able to say where they are at in their learning
- 75% of children achieving 'Well/Below' will make accelerated progress
- 80% of Focus/Target students will make accelerated progress
- Moderation is consistent and regular across the school – every term

How will we know? / What tools can we use?

- PAT, AsTTle, Teacher OTI
- Termly school attendance report, classroom, school monitoring fortnightly
- All BoT members are confident of their understanding of the school targets
- Team Leader discussions show children know what they are learning
- Sprint cycles show improvement
- Focus student report to Board show 80% of students making accelerated progress

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